

BRIEFS.

In a shocking condition—the corn. Go to Hodges to buy cheap timothy seed.

The farmers have started in to cut off the corn.

The weddings in Shepherdstown are not yet all over.

Fresh pudding and sausage at R. M. Billmeyer's store to-day.

New stock of boots and shoes just being received at Hodges.

Mr. Joseph L. Cooks has moved into his new house on Main street.

Mr. Ross Fayman has entered the postoffice as an assistant to his father.

Mr. J. C. Shaw is having a new roof put on his dwelling-house on Main street.

The McLean-Prentiss company began its season last Monday at Beaver Falls, Pa.

R. M. Billmeyer has the best supply of boots and shoes in town. They are going fast.

Try the REGISTER from now until the 1st of January. It will only cost you 50 cents.

This is the season of the year when the eels get out of the fishpot into the frying pan.

If you owe anything at this office, please call and pay it. Do you expect us to live on air?

It will be to your interest to carefully read J. D. Billmeyer's advertisement on the second page.

U. S. Marshal White has appointed Wm. H. Lamon, of Bunker Hill, Berkeley county, a deputy.

Principal John H. Hill informs us that the colored school of this place has started in with 63 pupils.

It has been up-hill work getting a paper full of news this week. But the REGISTER is full, anyhow.

J. S. Fleming, agent for the B. & O. Railroad, sold four western tickets to-day that popular route.

Miss Maggie Rice, of Baltimore, will have charge of Mr. M. S. Hiteshew's millinery department again this fall.

The Shenandoah Driving Park Association of Berryville made between \$500 and \$600 at the races held recently.

A picturesque camp of Gypsies has been located in the Folk woods on Sapling Ridge for the past week or so.

The sale notes of Edward H. Hoffman will be due September 30th, and are at the Jefferson Savings Bank for collection.

Fresh and pure groceries, candies, provisions, queensware, woodenware, notions, boots, shoes, etc., at R. M. Billmeyer's.

There is not much improvement in the price of wheat, nor do the indications point to any advance in the near future.

Fifty cords of oak wood wanted by the Town Hall Building Committee. Apply to G. T. Licklider, W. N. Lemen or H. L. Snyder.

Potomac Building Association No. 3 will offer for sale several shares of stock next Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock at the REGISTER office.

The "goosebone" prophet says we are to have a long and cold winter. But the goosebone prophet's foresight is never as good as his hindsight.

The generous C. B. Rous, of New York, has sent his check for \$500 to the Winchester Fair association. He makes this contribution annually.

A thief was discovered in the dwelling of Mrs. J. S. Pierce last Monday night. He quickly made his escape when he found he had been seen.

Last Tuesday was the 27th anniversary of the battle of Antietam. Those dreadful days are well remembered by the people of Shepherdstown.

Read the new advertisement of Lowenstein Bros. & Co., of Hagerstown, in another column. They are prepared to please everybody in clothing.

Harper's Ferry is not easily crushed. Having failed to get the new Reform School located within her borders, she is now reaching out for the World's Exposition in 1902.

Read the new advertisement of S. P. Humrickhouse & Son this week. This firm has gotten in an elegant lot of clothing and piece goods, all stylish and seasonable. Call and examine.

A Martinsburg shoemaker hung out a new sign, and then wondered what passers-by found so amusing. His sign ran as follows: "Don't go elsewhere to be cheated. Walk in here."

We are indebted to Senator Faulkner for a copy of his eloquent address delivered before the Society of the Alumni at the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Virginia Military Institute.

The new advertisement of John D. Swartz, the reliable Hagerstown tailor, will be found on this page. You can be sure of a good fit and a stylish suit of clothes when you buy of Mr. Swartz.

Mr. R. L. Moler, of this county, received the excellent two horse plow donated by Messrs. McKee Bros., the Hagerstown hardware dealers, for the best dozen stalks of corn exhibited at Morgan's Grove.

Rev. C. M. Aurand, pastor of Zion Lutheran church, Williamsport, has tendered his resignation to take effect May 1, 1900, or earlier, if he so elects, provided that he give the congregation one month's notice of his intention.

Jacob Wintermeyer, the Boss Clothing Man of Shepherdstown, has his stock of fall and winter goods ready for public inspection, and he wants everybody to take a look at them. The prices he has put on them will surely recommend them to all.

At a congregational meeting held in the Presbyterian Church at Harper's Ferry, the following gentlemen were elected to serve as trustees of the Church: Messrs. J. Garland Hurst, J. Wm. Rider, Wm. A. Luke, J. H. Eigin and J. Randolph Strider.

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Burglars broke into the Bank of Clarke county, at Berryville, Va., last Sunday night. They couldn't get into the safe, so didn't obtain any money.

Before sunrise this and next week an opportunity will be presented of witnessing the triple conjunction of the bright planets, Venus, Mars and Saturn.

The Cumberland Valley Railroad's new bridge across the Potomac was completed this week, and trains are now passing over it. The line is now open between Harrisburg and Winchester.

The autumnal equinox, according to the almanac, occurs on Sunday at 4 p. m., as at that time the sun crosses the line and autumn begins. Seems to us, though, we have had an equinox for two weeks past.

The REGISTER has much more reading in it than any other paper in the county, and it should be a visitor to every household. Try it and see how you like it. You can get it from now until the first of January for fifty cents.

We were shown by Mr. Mayberry McKee a few days ago a bunch of locust blossoms that he had plucked from a tree near Col. Schley's. He said the tree was well filled with blossoms—a very unusual occurrence at this season of the year.

A Shenandoah Valley locomotive went into Hagerstown with a hot box Wednesday morning. As the train was pulling into town, the wheel came off and the front part of the locomotive dropped upon the track. No further damage was done.

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of Grove Bros., tailors, Hagerstown. This firm has recently obtained the services of one of the best city cutters, and with their elegant line of piece goods they defy all competitors.

Bill-posters for the Winchester and Frederick Fairs were in town this week with attractive posters. The former fair will be October 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th, and the latter on the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th—the same dates that the Hagerstown Fair comes on.

There has been a great deal of complaint recently that the REGISTER is not received by our subscribers. When anyone fails to receive the paper we hope we will be informed of the fact, so that we can supply an extra copy and at the same time locate the neglect.

No person living will again date a document properly without using a "9." It now stands on the extreme right—1899. Next year it will take the third place—1890, where it will remain ten years. It will then move into second place—1900, and there will rest for a century.

The following is a list of the jurors drawn from this county for the October term of the U. S. Circuit Court, to be held at Martinsburg on October 17, 1899: Grand jurors, J. S. Moler, R. P. Chew, Lee H. Moler; petit jurors, S. V. Yantis, J. H. Snyder, James V. Moore.

Myers Palmbaum & Bro. will open store in Charleston on Tuesday, October 7th, 1899, in the store-room lately occupied by W. B. Dunlap, next door to Watson House. He will carry a full line of dry goods, fancy goods, ladies' and gents' furnishings, etc. Advertisement after October 7th.

The Shenandoah Valley Railroad has more freight business than it can handle at present. The crews have been worked almost to death, and still there are a couple of hundred cars waiting transportation. There has been much complaint in regard to the slow delivery of local freight.

Some miscreant cut the ferry-rope at the river at Shepherdstown three times last week—once on the Maryland side, once on the Virginia side, and once in the middle. The authorities have suspicions as to the guilty parties, and if they can fasten the crime it will go hard with the criminals.

In 1880 a bass weighing about a pound was caught in the Potomac river at Shepherdstown and returned to the water after a small tin whistle was fastened to its tail. It was caught again a few days ago. The fish weighed six pounds and the tin whistle had grown into a good-sized silver horn.

On Monday night of last week a party of thieves undermined the stone wall of Mr. David Hawn's meat-house, below town, and getting inside stole every particle of bacon that Mr. Hawn possessed. The same night they visited the granary of Mr. John Allen Link and stole about ten bushels of wheat.

The Hagerstown Fair will be held this year October 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th. The local board of directors for Jefferson county is Col. W. A. Morgan, Dr. A. S. Reynolds, M. J. Billmeyer, Lee H. Moler, B. F. Harrison, G. T. Licklider, J. S. Fleming, S. H. Higginbotham, William Butler, Townier Schley, W. N. Lemen.

The Morgan Mercury makes the astonishing claim that James Rumsey first launched his steamboat at Sir John's Run, and says George Francis Train knows it to be a fact. This is a mistake. Shepherdstown was the place, and the track made in the water by the boat could be seen until a few years ago, when a flood washed it away.

Two freight trains on the Shenandoah Valley Railroad collided at Loch Laird last Friday morning. James Callahan, of Roanoke, a fireman on the southbound train, jumped from his engine, but it turned over on him and mashed him, into a shapeless mass. The other trainmen escaped, by leaping from their posts. Two engines and ten cars were smashed.

A monument to the memory of General James L. Reno, commander of the Seventh Army Corps, was unveiled on South Mountain, near Sharpsburg, last Saturday. Appropriate exercises attended the unveiling, and a number of veterans were present. The monument is a massive square of beautiful granite four feet shaft at the base and eight feet high.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Harriet Ray started for her home in Springfield, Ohio, on Thursday. She was accompanied by Miss Mary Lee Gorrell, who will make her home in the West, and by Miss Annie Warner who will pay a long visit to Mrs. Ray.

Mrs. Summers Hunter left on Thursday for her home in Savannah, Mo., after a visit of several months in the East. Mr. James L. Adams will go with her, and occupy a position in Mr. Hunter's hardware and tinware establishment.

Mrs. C. E. Young, of Baltimore, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, of Plintstone, Md., and Miss Peach Kooztz, of Hallowtown, this county, visited Mrs. Stotter this week.

Miss Ada Morin, of Hagerstown, is visiting the family of Mr. Will Entler, in this place. Mrs. Entler is visiting her sister near Williamsport.

Mrs. Mollie Locher, of Baltimore, and Mr. Wilmer L. Dechert, of Harrisonburg, Va., visited the family of Mr. David Hout this week.

Miss Lillie Chapline, of Shepherdstown, is visiting her brother, Mr. Charles Chapline.—Harper's Ferry Sentinel.

Miss Agnes Belthover left on Friday last for Winchester, Va., where she will attend school the coming year.

Miss Ella Fordyce has returned to Shepherdstown and resumed her musical duties at Shepherd College.

The family of Mr. R. L. Magruder left for Washington on Tuesday, after a summer spent at Major Hagan's.

Dr. W. F. Luckett, of Washington, was in town the first of the week, the guest of Mr. M. S. Hiteshew.

Miss Lucy Pearson, of Washington, has been visiting Miss Fannie Licklider, below Shepherdstown.

Mr. E. R. Crow left for Milnes on Tuesday, where he has gotten a place in the S. V. R. R. offices.

Messrs. M. B. Baker and D. L. Rentsch attended the Baltimore celebration last week.

Mr. Turo Shepherd has started in to learn the printer's art in the REGISTER office.

Miss Nora Keesecker is in Baltimore on a visit of a few weeks.

A Windfall.

Mr. John S. Grove, who at one time taught school in Shepherdstown, and who is a brother of Dr. R. C. Grove, of this place, has fallen heir to a nice little fortune. Mr. Grove has been living for some time at Frostburg, Md., where he was a great favorite of Miss Margaret Steyer, an elderly lady of some means. When she died a short time ago it was found that she had left three wills. The first divides her property among her relatives and various other legacies and bequests. The second will was in the shape of a codicil to the first, and revokes several of the former legacies and leaves three-fourths of her estate to John S. Grove. The last will that has been found so far was made January 12, 1886, in which she gives her friend, John S. Grove, the sum of \$1,000; Hannah Humbertson, \$500; Flora Humbertson, \$300; Margaret S. Grace, her name-sake, \$800; Rachael Dorsey, colored, \$300. She then gives and bequeaths to John S. Grove all the rest and residue of her estate of every kind and description, revoking all other wills and testaments heretofore made by her. This will has been filed, but the relatives will make an effort to contest it in the courts. The estate is valued at \$40,000, or upwards.

A Fortunate Escape.

Last Monday thunderstorms muttered and rumbled all over this neighborhood, sometimes gently and again fierce and heavy. In the afternoon there was a very severe storm west of town, and a bolt of lightning struck the fine new barn on the farm occupied by Mr. Frank L. Billmeyer. The lightning ran over the barn in two different directions, leaving its traces upon the shingles. But, strange to say, no fire resulted, and the electricity passed off harmlessly. Mr. Billmeyer had two wheat crops in the barn, a lot of hay, his farming machinery, and other property. He thinks it was a most fortunate escape from great loss. The same afternoon there was an unusually heavy rain below town, and Mr. David Hawn informs us that the fall of water was greater than he has ever seen there.

Whose Eye Is It?

Paste or pin several newspapers together. Cut a number of holes in them about eighteen inches apart and each a little larger than the human eye. Now fasten this big paper around three sides of a clothes-horse. Some of the party go inside and look through the holes in the paper, placing their faces close to it. The rest remain outside and try to decide who is the owner of each of the various eyes beaming upon them. Strange to say, however familiar all the players may be, they will find this a very difficult task. Try it and see. The game is well worth the very slight preparation required.

Rain A-Plenty.

Timid people had almost begun to believe that another deluge was to come upon the land, but the sun came out bright and clear on Wednesday and dispelled their fears for the time being. For twelve days and nights the sky had been clouded, with only an hour or so of sunshine, and rain fell in greater or less quantities all but time. Business was dull, folks had the blues, and everything was just saturated with dampness. The wind changed in every direction, but not until Wednesday morning, when it finally settled from the North, did a cool breeze drive the clouds away.

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Shepherd College Notes.

The first week of the session has passed and the outlook is good for a pleasant and profitable year's work. The number of new students enrolled is larger than at the beginning of any fall term for years.

Miss Bettie E. Bailey, of Sleepy Creek, is at present the sole representative of Morgan county. The representation will be increased this week and next.

Mr. Martin Lambert, of Hampshire county, who was in school two years ago, is again with us.

On Friday the Principal was informed that Miss Mary Allen had been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Laura Strider.

Mr. Frank McDaniel has been chosen to represent Shepherd College as assistant editor of The Normal Visitor, a lively little sheet printed at Fairmont.

Although Miss Fordyce, the Principal of the Ornamental Department, was detained a few days by the illness of her father, she is now in her place, and announces that the work will be carried on in the same thorough manner as formerly. Her work in Music and French is too favorably known to need comment. A Technischeon will be an additional attraction to the music room. Miss Fordyce will also give instruction in Art-Embroidery, for which she has made special preparation by study at Bentley's, New York. It is hoped that all who wish to take lessons will embrace the opportunity at once. Patrons and friends are invited to call.

Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court of West Virginia, which has been in session, at Charleston, adjourned on Tuesday for the term. We notice the following proceedings: Baylor, trustee, vs. Balch, from Jefferson county; appeal and supersedeas allowed; bond \$150. Mason vs. Bridge Co., from Jefferson county; writ of error allowed; bond \$200.